



August 25, 2011

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: MM Docket No. 99-25 (LPFM Proceeding)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing to ask the FCC to preserve channels for low power FM radio in our local community.

Hillsborough is a vibrant and growing community whose literary and cultural riches have achieved a national reputation. The county seat since its founding in 1754, it boasts the only remaining house in NC from a signer of the Declaration of Independence, one of first NC schools for women, the farmhouse that served as Gen. Johnston's headquarters when he surrendered to Gen. Sherman at the end of the Civil War, and the only remaining dirt track from NASCAR's inaugural season in 1949 - soon to be part of NC's Mountain to the Sea Trail.

While we have enormous historical, cultural, and natural assets, we have no local radio station. No broadcast media are based in northern Orange County. However, we have a group of local citizens who have diligently worked to create a community radio station. Hillsborough Community Media has already recruited a Board and team of volunteers that reflects the community's diversity at all levels. The planned Hillsborough radio station would provide local news, public affairs and music programming not otherwise available in the area. The station will partner with area educational and cultural institutions to provide broadcast training as well as programming of broad community interest.

Please know that Hillsborough Community Media has my full support, and I ask the FCC to ensure channel space and licensing is made available for this important community effort.

Sincerely,

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Tom Stevens  
Mayor